

PARTISAN DEFENCE COMMITTEE

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!



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Dear Sirs,

The Partisan Defence Committee joins other fighters for social justice in demanding an immediate halt to the deportation of Turkish refugee Zehra Kurtay and the restoration of her right to asylum. Ms Kurtay faces the grave threat of political persecution, arrest and torture if the French government delivers her to Türkiye where she had been imprisoned and tortured as an anti-imperialist journalist and advocate for the oppressed.

Since granting Ms Kurtay political asylum, the French state has repeatedly violated her rights, targeting her for prosecution because of her political views. Now Ms Kurtay is threatened with deportation despite the fact that she is under legal protection and her asylum process is still active.

We condemn this grotesque attack on Ms Kurtay. No deportation! Hands off!

Sincerely,

Kate Klein
For the Partisan Defence Committee

The Partisan Defence Committee is a class-struggle, non-sectarian legal and social defence organisation which champions cases and causes in the interest of the whole of the working people. This purpose is in accordance with the political views of the Spartacist League.